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(ESTAP) Webinar

# Replacing Diesel in an Alaskan Community: Cordova's New Battery Energy Storage System

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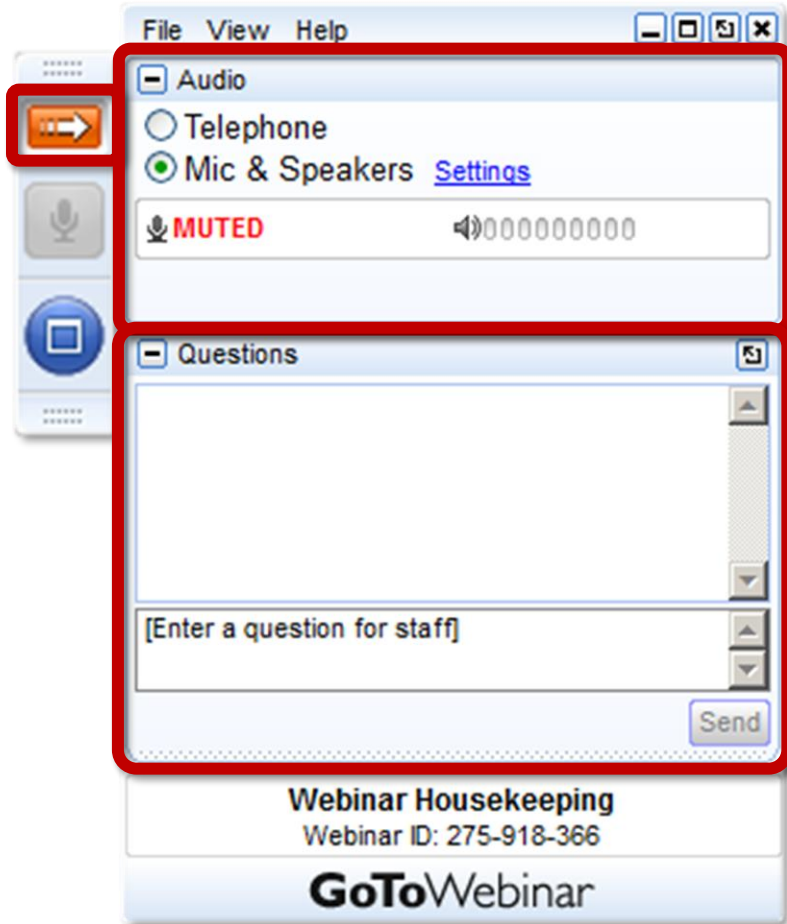


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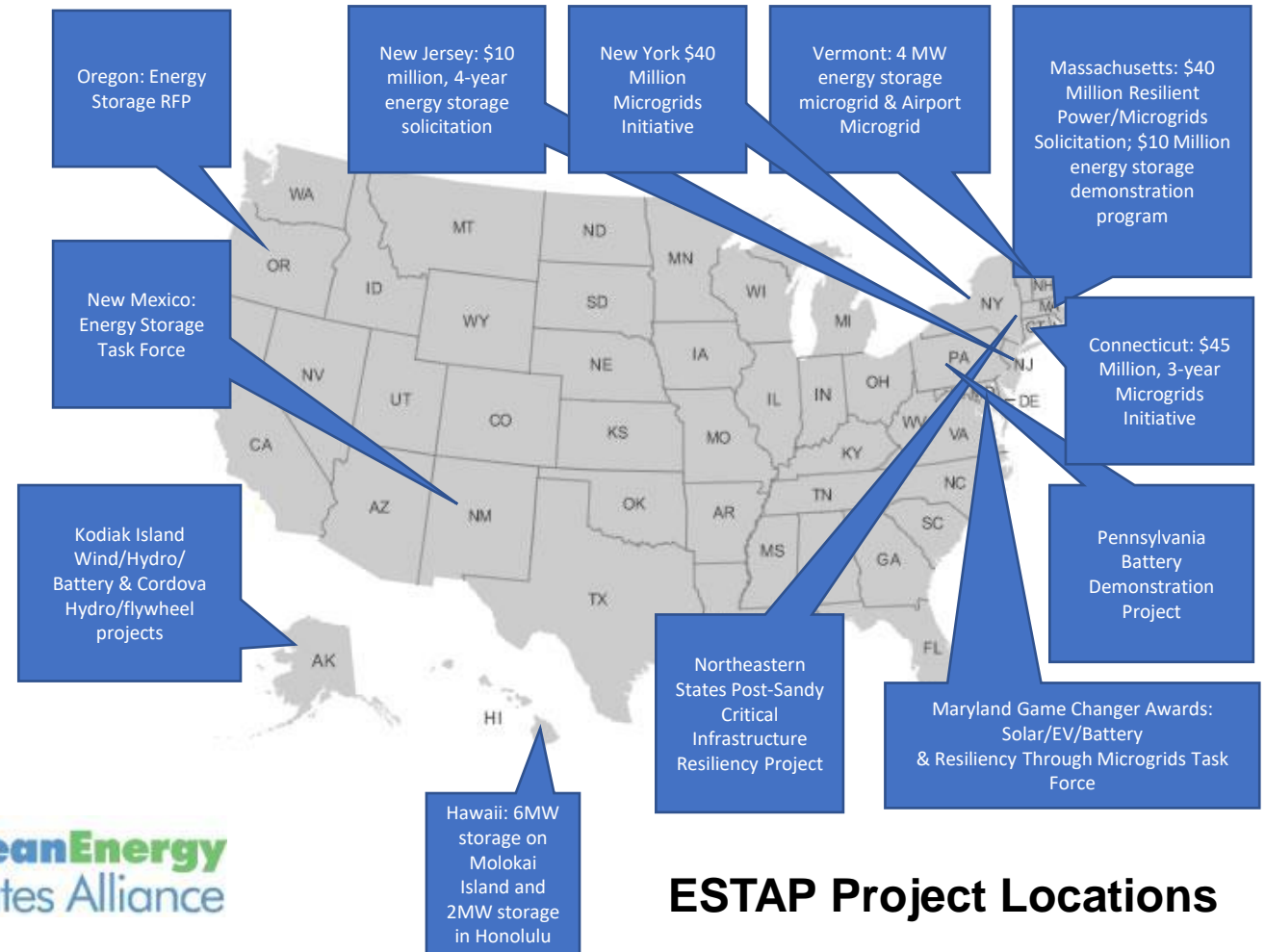
## ESTAP Key Activities:

### 1. Disseminate information to stakeholders

- ESTAP listserv >3,000 members
- Webinars, conferences, information updates, surveys.

### 2. Facilitate public/private partnerships to support joint federal/state energy storage demonstration project deployment

### 3. Support state energy storage efforts with technical, policy and program assistance



**ESTAP Project Locations**

# CleanEnergy States Alliance



# Thank You:

## **Dr. Imre Gyuk**

Director, Energy Storage Research,  
U.S. Department of Energy



## **Dan Borneo**

Engineering Project/Program Lead,  
Sandia National Laboratory



# Webinar Speakers

- **Dr. Imre Gyuk**, Director, Energy Storage Research, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Clay Koplín**, CEO, Cordova Electric Cooperative, and Mayor of Cordova, Alaska
- **Scott Newlun**, Manager of Generation and Distribution, Cordova Electric Cooperative
- **Nathan Cain**, Power Production Foreman, Cordova Electric Cooperative
- **Dan Borneo**, Engineering Project/Program Lead, Sandia National Laboratory
- **Todd Olinsky-Paul**, Project Director, Clean Energy States Alliance
- **Val Stori**, Project Director, Clean Energy States Alliance (moderator)



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# Grid Scale Energy Storage, for Resilience, Stability, and a Greener Grid

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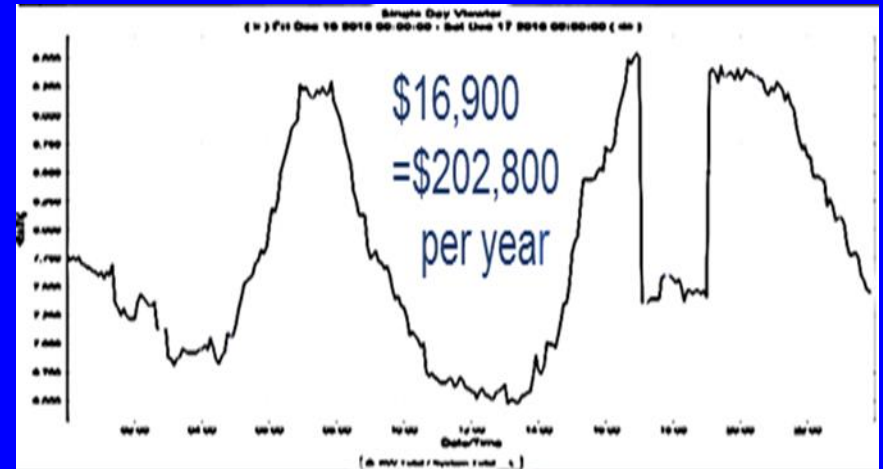
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ENERGY STORAGE RESEARCH, DOE-OE

Building  
Business Cases  
with Energy Storage:

Wind, Water, and Sun!

# Sterling, MA: Microgrid/Storage Project

DOE-OE Collaboration with  
Sterling Municipal Light Department.



Ribbon Cutting: October 2016

Commissioning: December 2016

# Reducing Monthly and Yearly Peaks:



Chart: Carina Kaainoa

*April 2019: 1 million Avoided Cost!*

**Visitors:** Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, England, Ireland, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan, Brazil, Chile, .... Thailand

# Cordova, Alaska – Pop. 2,239





Pamela Smith



Copper River Salmon  
World's Finest Salmon!

# Cordova Electric Cooperative Collaboration with DOE-OE



Clay Koplin, CEO

Total Generating Capacity:

6MW + 1.25MW Hydro; 2x 1MW Diesel

0.5MW Deflected as Spinning Reserve

Hydro: \$0.06/kW; Diesel: \$0.60/kW

# 1 MW / 1 hr Li-ion Storage by SAFT



On ancient Eyak Land



Ribbon Cutting with Sen. Murkowski

## Commissioned June 7, 2019

- Frequency Regulation – Replace Diesel
- Load following – Make Hydro Dispatchable
- Emergency Supply – Resilience
- Diesel Arbitrage, Preheating dormant Diesels



# National Scope - Local Relevance!

- ABQ Public Schools: demonstrate economic & resilience benefits of ES available to public schools. 13 high schools, 140 campuses.
- Project with Picuris Pueblo, NM to install storage in combination with solar for “Energy Independence”.
- Iowa: Develop 6-8 hour backup for existing/planned renewables
- 3 projects involving Rural Co-ops and Military Reservations.
- Levelock Village, AK. Tech assistance for ES microgrid
- Puerto Rico: 5 town consortium to form Central Mountain micro-grid powered by 250MW solar and hydro with 75 MW storage backup

Energy Storage

should be in

the Toolbox of every Utility!

# BESS Application in a Microgrid - Cordova Electric Cooperative



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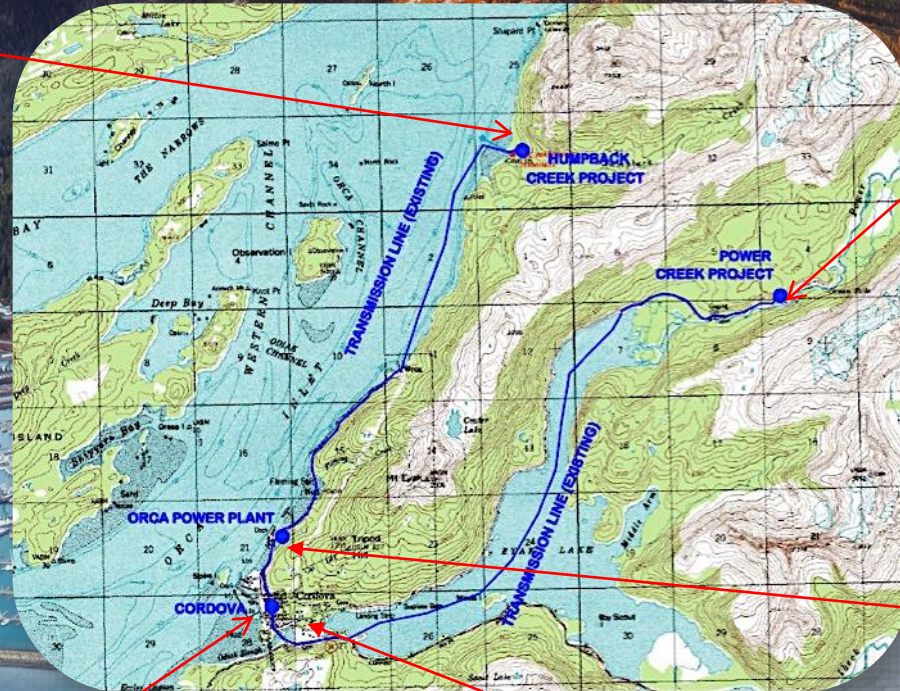
*Cordova, AK (aerial view)*

# Cordova Electrical Grid

**Humpback Creek Hydroelectric Plant**  
1250kW (2 x 500 kW + 1 x 250 kW)  
17,000 foot UG and submarine transmission line



**Power Creek Hydroelectric**  
6278kW (2 x 3124 kW)  
25 kV transmission ties to Eyak Substation, Inflatable dam



**City of Cordova**  
1,566 customers,  
18MW  
One Substation  
78mi UG distribution lines



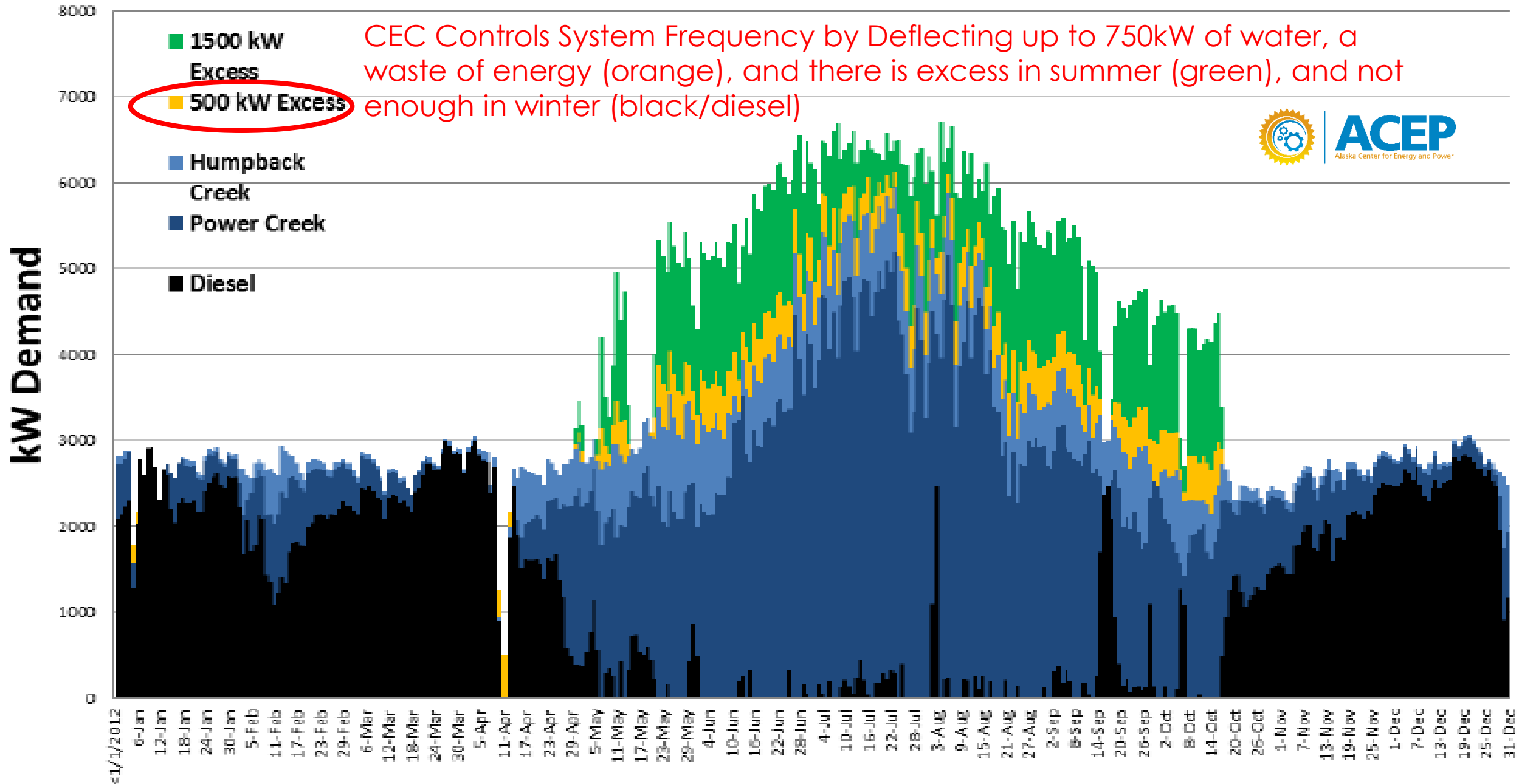
**Battery Energy Storage System**  
1 MW, 1MWh  
ABB/SAFT at Eyak Substation



**Orca Power Plant**  
10.8 MW Diesel  
Control Center, CEC



# Avg Daily kW Load 2012 w/ Excess Hydro





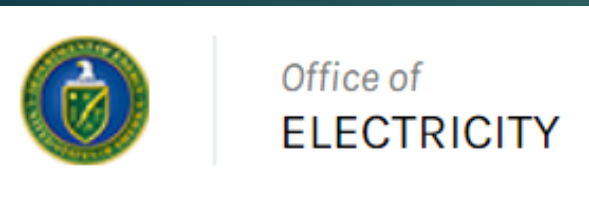
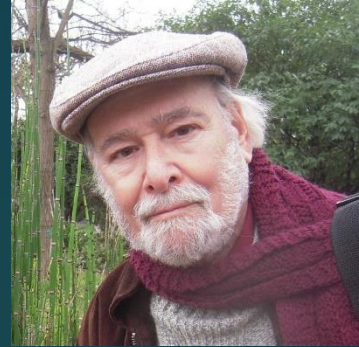
# CEC Use Case for BESS Storage: A Bridge Across the Valley of Death; Hydro vs. Diesel Generation

Power Creek Run of River Hydro Intake

# A US Department of Energy Sponsored Microgrid Battery Energy Storage Application

(Dr. Imre Gyuk, Director of Energy Storage Research, Office of Electricity)

**PARTNERS: US DEPT OF ENERGY-SANDIA-NRECA-ACEP-CEC-CESA;  
SAFT/ABB PACKAGE**



# Battery Energy Storage – Vendor Choice

## SAFT-ABB PACKAGE







Site Work – May/June 2019

# RIBBON CUTTING

## June 7, 2019



Dr. Imre Gyuk, Project Champion

Dedicated to the community of Cordova, and the Members of Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
**Cordova Battery Energy Storage System**  
June 7, 2019

With appreciation to Dr. Imre Gyuk, Director of Energy Storage Research, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, The Alaska Center for Energy and Power (UAF) Gwen Holdmann, Sandia National Laboratories, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, CoBank, SAFT America Thomas Ebel, ABB Rob Roys, Electric Power Systems, Wilson Construction, Peterson Welding, Alpine Diesel, Samson Tug and Barge, and CEC Staff.

**Owner: CORDOVA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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Craig Kuntz, Project & Technology Coordinator

**Partners:**

Supportive Funding: US Department of Energy, Imre Gyuk, Stationary Energy Storage Program Director  
Technical Consultant: Sandia National Laboratories, Daniel Bornes, Program/Project Lead  
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BESS System Modeling, Procurement and Optimization: Sandia National Laboratories, Ben Schenkman  
Project Manager: Electric Power Systems, Jack Anderson, PE  
Project Engineer: Electric Power System, Dan Rogers, PE  
Project Integration Engineer: Electric Power Systems, Trevor Kudrna, PE  
SAFT Project Manager: SAFT America, Gerald Mengelkoch  
ABB Project Manager: ABB, Anders Holm  
BESS Optimization and Integration: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Patrick Balducci  
Technical Support and Procurement: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Venkat Banunarayanan  
Site Preparation and Foundations: Wilson Construction, John Baenen  
Equipment Placement: Alpine Diesel, Jerry Blackler and Samson Tug and Barge, Eric Wurga  
Metal Fabrication: Peterson Welding, Jesse and Jacob Peterson, Marry Bessic  
Financing Provided By: CoBank, Jake Good  
Electrical Installation: CEC Line Crew; Jeff Field, Terry Long, Ben Simpler, Frank Johnson  
Controls and Communication: CEC Power Production: Scott Newlun, Nate Cain, Craig Kuntz



# INSTALLATION / COMMISSIONING

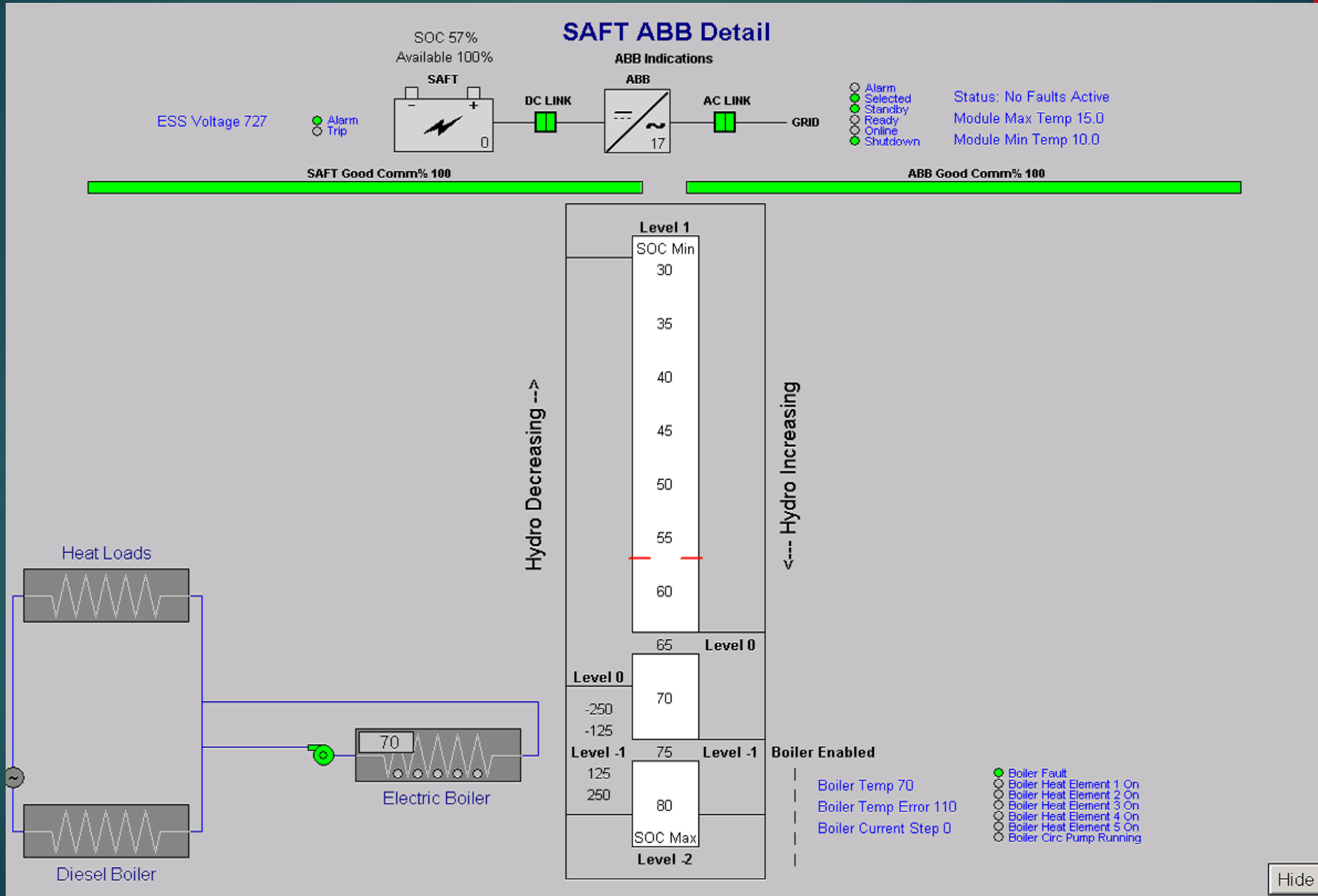


July 2019 – Manual Operations Commence

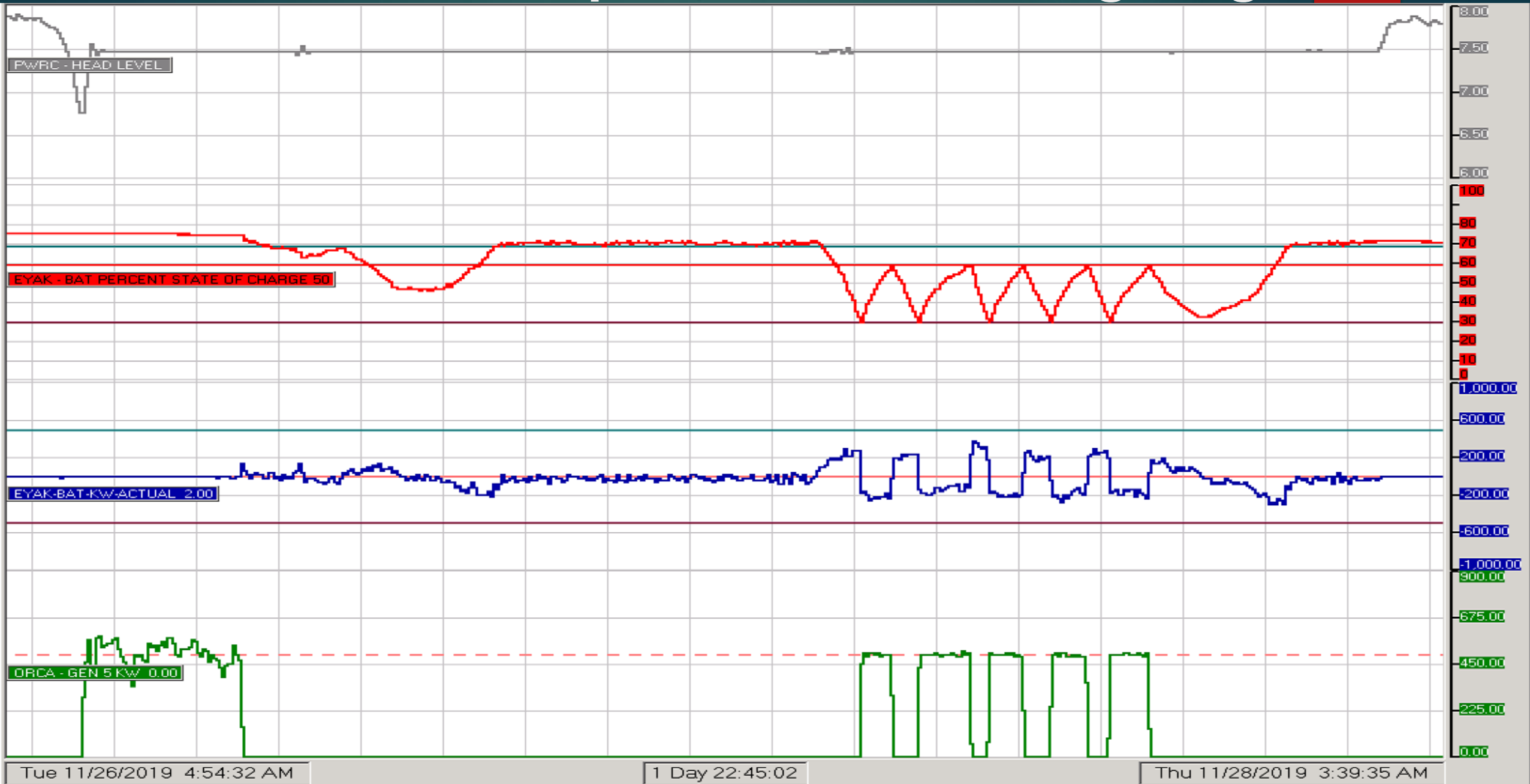
# TIMELINES

- ▶ 2007 – CEC System Loads Exceed Hydro Capacity and diesel peaking creates a “valley of death”
- ▶ 2012 – CEC partners with ACEP and recognizes the benefits of energy storage to CEC Grid
- ▶ 2015-16 ACEP Approaches Dr. Gyuk with CEC use case/opportunity and rich CEC data set
- ▶ 2016 Dr. Gyuk initiates phase 1 modelling of CEC energy storage via Sandia Laboratories
- ▶ 2017 Modelling and analysis indicates a right-sized, right-located Lithium Ion solution for CEC
- ▶ 2018 Dr. Gyuk sponsors phase 2 specification and procurement of BESS
- ▶ October 2018 CEC BESS Ordered
- ▶ May 2019 BESS arrives on site
- ▶ June 2019 BESS Installed
- ▶ July 2019 BESS Operational
- ▶ November 2019 Fully integrated and automated, saves \$10,000 over 2-day Thanksgiving Holiday
- ▶ November CEC achieves 94% hydro crushing all previous records
- ▶ December 2019 CEC achieves 86% hydro crushing all previous records
- ▶ April 2020 CEC goes 100% hydro 3 weeks early and starts automated electric boiler heating
- ▶ Today: CEC is 100% hydro and heating diesel generators with excess hydro due to BESS

# BESS OPERATIONS - CEC



# CEC BESS Operations - Thanksgiving



# CEC BESS – Preliminary Valuation

- ▶ Precise quantitative measures are complex
- ▶ CEC Preliminary analysis indicates that at \$3.00/gallon, fuel is only half the savings – diesel runtime variable costs are significant
- ▶ CEC automated measurement of “valley of death” hours where the BESS balances the grid to keep diesels off
- ▶ Year to date “valley of death” is 105 hours for 2020
- ▶ CEC estimates a cost savings of \$500/hour or \$52,500 YTD 2020
- ▶ This does not include boiler fuel or other savings
- ▶ We just started full battery operations 2 weeks ago

## Battery kWh Metering

	Current Values					End of Hour				End of Day			End of Month		End of Year
	Acc Value	Hr to Date	Day to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Hr to Date	Day to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Day to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
Bat Out	769	0	0	415	3491	0	0	415	3491	0	415	3491	3076	3076	0
Bat In	3591	7	70	2308	11716	9	63	2301	11709	206	2238	11646	9408	9408	0
Bat %Eff		0.00	0.00	17.98	29.80	0.00	0.00	18.04	29.81	0.00	18.54	29.98	32.70	32.70	0.00

## Battery Savings

	Current Values				End of Day			End of Month		End of Year
	Acc Value	Day to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Day to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
Battery	105:20:15	0	26	105	0	26	105	79	79	0

# Preliminary CEC BESS Financials

## Early Takeaways

- ▶ “Likely” scenario was 35,000 gallons fuel savings, trending toward 70,000
- ▶ “Likely” Battery life was 15 years – the CEC use case gets the highest value from grid balancing which requires little capacity – trending toward 30-year life
- ▶ Diesel non-fuel variable costs are significant: lube oil, rebuild hours, regular and emergency maintenance on a per-hour basis are very high from CEC historical records, whereas hydro maintenance and run time hours are an order of magnitude lower
- ▶ Data capture and analysis have been delayed by technical and logistical (COVID-19) challenges – a pending site visit will complete this task as travel restrictions ease, paving the way for Sandia to quantify economic and operational measures
- ▶ PNNL is working with Alaska Center for Energy and Power and CEC to continue to optimize economic value streams as emergency hospital generation, etc.



# Funding and Technical Partners

## DOE OE - ES



- ▶ CEC \$1,025,000
- ▶ SANDIA (Not Including Modeling) \$ 500,000
- ▶ PNNL \$ 325,000
- ▶ Total Project Funding \$1,850,000
  
- ▶ Project Champion: Imre Gyuk, DOE/OE/Energy Storage
  
- ▶ Technical Partners: Department of Energy, Sandia Labs, PNNL, CEC, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, NRECA, SAFT, ABB, Electric Power Systems and now CESA advocacy/technical transfer

# Here is What We Learned About BESS...

- Calendar aging capacity loss of 1.5% per year, our chemistry is estimated at 0.5%
- Capacity loss is kWh; kW remains near constant, round trip DC efficiency drops slightly
- Deep cycling causes rapid loss of life, shallow cycling extends life and total kWh throughput by a factor of 100; from 5GWh to 500GWh (or more) in our case.
- Frequency controls (small charges/discharges) can occur while bulk charging/discharging
- Removal, recycling, replacing a full battery set can cost 60% of initial package cost.
- Delivery times are fairly short, < 12 mo. From award to receipt
- Factory warranties and required annual maintenance are expensive
- **Control algorithms are complex!**
- **Integration into a microgrid is costly and complex**
- **Improvements can be expected through careful monitoring and iterative optimizations**
- **CEC is Smashing Previous Hydro Records – 95% Hydro in November, 84% in December**

Questions?

